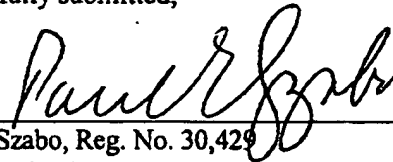


REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-17 and 31-33. By the present amendment, rejected claims 28 and 29 are cancelled. Claim 30, which was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, is rewritten in independent form as new claim 34 (claim 30 is thereby cancelled).

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance with claims 1-17 and 31-34, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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